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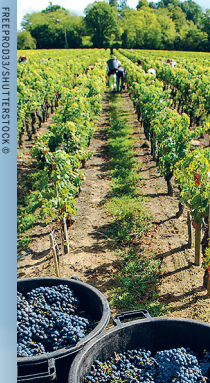
FRANCE

PLANNING MAP

Eiffel Tower, Paris

Discover France's top regional sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes

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When to Go

High Season Jul & Aug

Queues at big sights and on the road, especially during August. Late December to March is high season in ski resorts. Book accommodation and restaurants well in advance.

Shoulder Season Apr–Jun & Sep

Accommodation rates drop. Spring brings warm weather, flowers and local produce. The vendange (grape harvest) is



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American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy

NORTHWEST

D-DAY BEACHES B2

While little evidence is left of the carnage unleashed on these northern Normandy beaches in June 1944, the region has a raft of moving memorials and museums committed to reflecting on the price of war.

BRITTANY B2

With its wild coastline, islands stitched together with craggy coastal paths, medieval towns and thick forests laced in Celtic lore and legend, this is a land for explorers, where the rest of the world feels far away.

NORMANDY B2

A pastoral land of butter and cheeses, where cider, fiery apple brandy and fresh seafood entice and inspire. It's as seductive as its coastline: a wind-buffed ribbon of chalk-white cliffs and dune-lined beaches, climaxing with the mysterious island-abbey of Mont St-Michel.



Côte d'Opale
Rousing, wind-buffed beaches across from the White Cliffs of Dover and named for the constant interplay of greys and blues in the sea and sky.

D-DAY BEACHES

NORMANDY

BRITTANY

CENTRAL FRANCE

CHAMPAGNE

ALSACE

Musée du Louvre
Few art galleries are as prized: one of the world's largest and most diverse collections, showcasing 35,000 works of art.

Food is not fuel here, it's the reason you get up in the morning.

Versailles

A monumental palace and sprawling estate built to project the absolute power of the French monarchy at the height of its glory. OTT? Nah...

Musée d'Orsay
Impressionist, post-impressionist and art nouveau movements, all located in one glorious showpiece of a former railway station.

Épernay
Home to the world's most celebrated Champagne houses, this is the finest spot on earth for tasting bubbly.

Cancale
You can't get oysters any fresher than those plucked straight from their beds just offshore.

Forêt de Paimpont

Recharge your batteries far away from the coastal crowds in this immense Breton forest, where the legend of King Arthur lives on.

Vouvray

Renowned chenin-blanc vineyards sprinkle this delightful region that produces the greatest variety of wines in the country.

Villandry

More than 6 hectares of formal French garden – think cascading flowers, ornamental vines, razor-sharp box hedges and tinkling fountains.

Chambord

Just a king's country pad? With 440 rooms, 365 fireplaces and 84 staircases, it is the largest and grandest château in the Loire Valley.

LOIRE VALLEY

Chenonceau

Spanning the languid River Cher atop a gracefully arched bridge and surrounded by formal gardens, this château embodies French romance.

BURGUNDY

Beaune

This town's raison d'être is its joie de vivre is well selling it, but most

Île de Ré

Marais Poitevin

Paddle in perfect peace by boat

Beaujolais

This rural paradise is an oenophile's nirvana

